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FOLLOWING IS REPEAT STATE 299834, SENT PANAMA 09 DEC:

QUOTE S E C R E T STATE 299834

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FOR THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES FROM BELL

E.O. 11652:GDS-1

TAGS: PFOR, PN

SUBJECT: CANAL ZONE BOMBINGS

REF: PANAMA 8284

1. NORIEGA APPEARED UNEXPECTEDLY AT BUNKER'S RECEPTION FOR BOYD THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 7 AND PRESSED ME HARD -- "ON INSTRUCTIONS" -- RESPECTING JORDEN'S DEMARCHE, OUR EVIDENCE, AND OUR UNWILLINGNESS TO RELEASE IT PRIVATELY TO THE GENERAL. MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION FOLLOWS.

2. NORIEGA REPEATEDLY RAISED THE RODRIGUEZ CASE, AND IN WAYS SUCH THAT I CAME AWAY FROM THE CONVERSATION PERSUADED THAT SOMEONE PAID OFF RODRIGUEZ TO TAKE THIS RAP, THE

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PURPOSE OF THE EXERCISE BEING TO "PROVE" THAT ALL OF THE

BOMBINGS HAVE BEEN MANAGED AND/OR CARRIED OUT BY THOSE  
IN EXILE. SURPRISINGLY, NORIEGA GAVE HIMSELF AWAY  
REPEATEDLY.

3. AT LEAST THIS MAY CAST ONE ADDITIONAL RAY OF LIGHT  
ON THE GENERAL SUBJECT OF "BOMBINGS". ROBINSON UNQUOTE.  
ROBINSON

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